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SUBJ: IMCO - EXTRAORDINARY ASSEMBLY

1. STEELE (UK DEPT OF TRADE) TOLD US REVIEW OF UK IDEAS ON FRENCH PROPOSAL BEFORE ASSEMBLY WITH SOVIET REPS INDICATED THERE RELATIVELY LITTLE DIFFERENCE IN SOVIET, US AND UK POSITIONS.

2. SOVIETS STILL INCLINED TO KILL FRENCH PROPOSAL COMPLETELY IF POSSIBLE. THEY BELIEVE FROM OTHER SOUNDINGS THAT SUCH AN INITIATIVE MAY COME FROM LDCS WHO ARE APPREHENSIVE THAT SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF FRENCH PROPOSAL COULD UPSET ACCEPTANCE OF SIMPLE EXPANSION OF COUNCIL AND OPEN-ENDING OF MSC PROPOSED BY WORKING GROUP WHICH LDCS MOST INTERESTED IN SEEING QUICKLY AGREED.

3. MAJOR POINT OF DIFFERENCE IN SOVIET VIEW IS OVER PRESENT ARTICLE 52 (REVISED FRENCH ARTICLE 63) WHICH THEY VERY KEEN TO RETAIN IN PRESENT FORM ACCORDING TO STEELE. USSR CONSIDERS THAT LDCS COULD BE PERSUADED TO BACK RE-

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TENTION OF PRESENT ARTICLE 52 SINCE FRENCH REVISION

WOULD WEAKEN ROLE OF COUNCIL WHICH SOVIETS BELIEVE LDCS
WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE HAPPEN AT TIME WHEN LDCS ARE
ACHIEVING GREATER ROLE IN COUNCIL THROUGH ITS EXPANSION.

4. IN GENERAL, STEELE CHARACTERIZED SOVIET POSITION AS
BASICALLY NEGATIVE TOWARD FRENCH PROPOSAL BUT WITHOUT
STRONG VIEWS (WITH EXCEPTION OF ARTICLE 52). THEY COULD,
APPARENTLY, LIVE WITH FRENCH REVISIONS INCORPORATING
MODIFICATIONS ALONG LINES DISCUSSED IN US/UK TALKS OCT. 3.
SOVIETS, STEELE SAID, FOUND SOME OF UK PROPOSALS ACCEPT-
ABLE, OTHERS HAD TO BE REFERRED TO MOSCOW FOR GUIDANCE,
BUT NONE WERE FOUND OBJECTIONABLE BY THEM.

5. UK IS TO MEET WITH SOVIETS FIRST MORNING OF ASSEMBLY
TO GO OVER POSITION AGAIN. ALSO, AS DISCUSSED OCT. 3,
UK REPS WILL COME TO EMBASSY TO MEET WITH US DELEGATION
AT NINE A.M. OCT. 16 TO REVIEW FRENCH PROPOSAL.

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